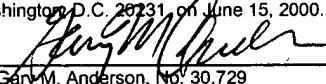


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INTRODUCTION

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action mailed on December 15, 1999 in the parent application Serial No. 09/136,348. Claims 16-31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and claim the subject invention. In addition Claims 16, 18-25 and 28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Bailey, et al.*, in view of *Crane*. The Examiner rejected Claim 17 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Bailey, et al.*, in view of *Crane* and further in view of *Ward, et al.* Finally, the Examiner has rejected Claims 29-31 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Bailey, et al.*, in view of *Crane* and further in view of *Cox*. The Examiner has indicated, however, that